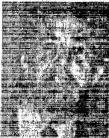
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## Hogwash about the CIAI





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making field," on the grounds that the agency busied some newspapermen on the sad state of the Soviet economy. A lot of the press has also been shapping the CIA especial, and a few highly respectable journals have over half-echoed the Communical Worker's charge that Lee Harvey Orwald, murderer of President Kennedy, went to the Soviet Union in 1959 and LIA hireling.

Former President Harry Triumen has got in his licks. "I never had any thought when I set to Cat." he has written, "that it would be injected into she present me cloak-and-darger business." Sen Busene McCarthy, in an article recently published in this magazine (Jan. 4-11), has charged that the CIA is setting out of hand, Nather the President nor the Congress, the sensior maintains, really controls the agency or knows what it is up to.

Somerody certainly blundered when the CIA held a mass press conference as the Soviet roomomy, and let reporters name the agency as their source. The with all due respect to a former President and an able benator, the other charges against CIA are a lor of hogorasti. Let us consider them, in order. uder them, in order.

First, Lee Harvey Oswald never at any time had any connection whatever with CIA, atthough suspicions on that score are perhaps natural in view of the mystery burrounding Uswild's travels and his sources of latence. The highest officials of the CIA are ready to so tentify—and indignantly—before the Warren Commission investigating the murder. "If any body in the CIA had hired so obvious a pay chistic," says one of the greatest experts in the OR the sound."

Second the odd fact is that Marry S. Trumin himself but the CIA into the "poscetime cloub. and diseaser business." The CIA's operational or chart-and-dagger, unit was established by Provident Truman's National Security Council in the Summer of 1948, after the Community smithed Litecheslovakia. In the subsequent foor and a half years, before President Trumen supposed down, certain highly reflective secret operations were mounted with the President's

full knowledge and approval.
Third, the notion that neither Congress nor the President controls the native of Riturn what it is doing is nonsense. The CIA is unquestionably the most supervised agency in the Government-dozens of people spend much of their time breathing down its nach, and the state of

.The neck-breathers include four subcommittees of Congress, headed by Representatives Carl Vinson and Clarence Campon and Schalars Richard Russell and Carl Haydett, These congressional granders are acutely feations of conter let uny executive agency, in Senator Men-Carthy's words, "idecide) for itself just how moday like the only blindfelded man in a murder.

watnestrond for all fairness. Neither CA director John McCone par his was instituted in all fairness. Neither CA director John Mc one not his it is time somebody had a kind predoctory. Allen Dulles, when meeting it word to say for the poor old closed session, ever refused a candid answer to central intelligence Agency. The CIA is return the boy in school upon always gets shapped to the strong belows every body knows be seen to be book to be always gets within its inception. By the same thoroughly intelligence were since Mr. Truman by the first its inception. By the same operational section, every Freshapped the CIA hard for "invading the policy dead has been should be dead of specific dead important secret operation. And every President

recree thoroughly, bristed on the U-2 bearation virtually from its inception.

By the series token, ever since Mr. Trumen established the operational section, every Presiimportant secret operation. And every President has had, and sometimes exercised, an absolute vero power must any operation. When there have been disputed to major policy matters between the CIA and the State Department or the Pentapopular in the argument has always been the Possident's. Again contrary to the popular methoday, President Eisenhover personally statherized the U-2 flight which Khrishchev used to break up the 1960 summit meeting.

Moreover, the President has plenty of hete in a second or an energy for example, a

keeping an eye on the agency. For example, a blue-ribbon greatdensial hoard, headed by former White House counsel Clark Clifford, is charged with continuous supervision of the agency. And there are all sorts of special committees, like that headed by Under Secretary of State Avereil Harcinian with responsibility in the field of sub-

version and guerrilla warfare.

It is just plain silly, in short, to suppose that the CIA is "a law unto itself." The real danger, is that the CIA will become a sust cautious bureaucracy, bound by the lowest common denominator of timidity among its innumerable supervisors. The CIA in any case spends less than a third of the money and "owns" less than a quarter of the people in the intelligence business. The Pentagon intelligence agencies, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, around most of the money and own most of the people, but notices spens interested in supervising them.

The NSA particularly could do with a bit of supervision. It has a horrible accuracy record. Recent cuses include a couple of homoserus's who defected to the Soviet Union and malled all the beans; and an Army sergeam who enlected \$50,000 from Russian agents for really important American secrets, and spont the leon in the most conspiction possible way on mistreases, motor vactor and the like. If the CIA had been reconstitle for either case, there would have been a histabilion to make the Alerr Hiss Case seem taine

In fact, the CIA has not yet suffered a single known delection or mentarration, which is better then pur for the course. Corsainly there are timeservers in the agency and certainly a has had in failures, in the Bay of Pigs and elsewhere

But those who enjoy slapping the CIA around ought to ask themselves what inight have har pened if Mr. Truman had not been wise enough to put CIA into "the peacetime cloak and dagger hourness. It is virtually corresponds parts of the world now free wanted be upder Communist control. It is absolutely certain that we would disastrously tack the solid information on Soviet missile-nuclear capabilities which we now have. thanks to the CIA created U-2 and recommissance satellites W Mr. Trumun bail por been witer than he remembers being we would be

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